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L13 ANSWER 3 OF 32 MEDLINE
AN 1999422066 MEDLINE
DN 99422066 PubMed ID: 10490774
TI Transfer of YACs up to 2.3 Mb intact into human cells with polyethylenimine.
AU Marschall P; Malik N; Larin Z
CS Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Oxford, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Oxford OX3 9DS, UK.
SO GENE THERAPY, (1999 Sep) 6 (9) 1634-7.
Journal code: 9421525. ISSN: 0969-7128.
CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
LA English
FS Priority Journals
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AB The transfer of large YAC **DNA** into human cells is a laborious procedure. High quality pulsed field gel purified **DNA** is required, which is easily sheared during manipulation before transfection or degraded in the endosome of the cell following transfection. NaCl and polyamines compact and prevent **DNA** from shearing, but may not consistently protect **DNA** after transfection. We investigated if other **polycations** such as poly-L-lysine (PLL) and polyethylenimine (PEI) could **condense** and protect large YAC **DNA** (up to 2.3 Mb) from being degraded after lipofection. **DNA condensation** was monitored by a gel retardation assay, and atomic force microscopy (AFM). **DNA** was retarded in the gel when complexed with high concentrations of PLL and PEI, indicating that **DNA** had **condensed**. However, AFM images of PLL-**DNA** complexes showed aggregates of **DNA** molecules resulting from incomplete **condensation**, whereas PEI-**DNA** complexes produced **condensed** particles approximately 30-60 nm. Exogenous PLL-**DNA** remained intact in 36% of positive clones after lipofection, whereas PEI-**DNA** was intact in 100% of positive clones. PEI is a better **condensing** reagent than PLL, protecting **DNA** from shearing and endosomal degradation, and assists in delivering YACs up to 2.3 Mb intact into human cells.

L13 ANSWER 19 OF 32 BIOTECHDS COPYRIGHT 2003 THOMSON DERWENT AND ISI
AN 2002-07377 BIOTECHDS
TI New compositions comprising lyophilizable and enhanced **compacted**
nucleic acids, useful in gene therapy, particularly for
facilitating treatment of pulmonary diseases, such as cystic fibrosis;
gene transfer, expression in host cell, **DNA** compaction and
antisense oligonucleotide for disease therapy
AU COOPER M J; KOWALCZYK T H; PASUMARTHY M K; COSTELLO M
PA COPERNICUS THERAPEUTICS INC
PI WO 2001092580 6 Dec 2001
AI WO 2000-US17499 31 May 2000
PRAI US 2001-287419 1 May 2001
DT Patent
LA English
OS WPI: 2002-090049 [12]
AB DERWENT ABSTRACT:
NOVELTY - A non-naturally occurring composition comprising unaggregated
nucleic acid complexes, each complex consisting essentially of a
single **nucleic** acid molecule and one or more **polycation**
molecules having a counterion, is new. The counterion consists of
acetate, **bicarbonate** and **chloride**.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION - A non-naturally occurring composition
comprising unaggregated **nucleic** acid complexes, each complex
consisting essentially of a single **nucleic** acid molecule and
one or more **polycation** molecules having a counterion, is new.
The counterion consists of **acetate**, **bicarbonate** and
chloride. The complex is **compacted** to a diameter, which
is less than: (a) double the theoretical diameter of a complex of the
single **nucleic** acid molecule and a sufficient number of
polycation molecules to provide a charge ratio of 1:1, in the
form of a **condensed** sphere; or (b) 30 nm, whichever is larger.
The **polycation** molecule has a **nucleic** acid binding
moiety through which it is complexed to the **nucleic** acid, where
the **nucleic** acid molecule, particularly cDNA or RNA, encodes at
least one functional protein or at least one antisense **nucleic**
acid. INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following: (1)
estimating the colloidal stability of a preparation of **compacted**
nucleic acids comprising: (a) determining a turbidity parameter
of a solution of **compacted nucleic** acid, where the
turbidity parameter is defined as the slope of a straight line obtained
by plotting log of apparent absorbance of light versus log of incident
wavelength of the light, where the wavelength is about 330-420 nm; and
(b) identifying the preparation as colloidally stable if a turbidity
parameter of less than -3 is determined and identifying the preparation
as colloidally unstable if a turbidity parameter of greater than or equal
to -3 is determined; (2) preparing the composition by mixing the
nucleic acid with the **polycation** having **acetate**
as a counterion, at a salt concentration sufficient for compaction of the
complex; (3) non-naturally occurring, soluble **compacted**
complexes of a **nucleic** acid and the **polycation**
molecule made by the process of (2); (4) preventing or treating a disease
or other clinical condition in a subject, comprising administering
intramuscularly or to the lung of the subject a prophylactic or
therapeutic amount of the composition comprising the unaggregated
nucleic acid complexes; (5) delivering polynucleotides to cells
comprising contacting the composition with cells, where: (a) the
nucleic acid is delivered to and taken up by the cells; (b) the
polynucleotide encodes a protein, where the protein is expressed; and (c)
the polynucleotide encodes an antisense **nucleic** acid, where the
antisense **nucleic** acid is expressed.

BIOTECHNOLOGY - Preferred Composition: The **polycation**

molecules are polylysine or a polylysine derivative. Preferably, the polylysine derivative is polylysine peptide with a cysteine residue. The complex is compacted to a diameter of less than 90 nm, preferably less than 23 nm. Preferably, the nucleic acid complex is compacted to a diameter not more than 12 nm. The nucleic acid molecule comprises a promoter, which controls transcription of an RNA molecule encoding the functional protein. In particular, the protein is therapeutic. In particular, the polycation is CK15-60P 10 and the counterion is acetate, where CK15-60P10 is a polyamino acid polymer of one N-terminal cysteine and 15-60 lysine residues, and where a molecule of polyethylene glycol having an average molecular weight of 10 kDa is attached to the cysteine residue. Preferably, the polycation molecule comprises 30 residues of lysine and a targeting moiety. The composition is lyophilized and is rehydrated after lyophilization. Preferably, the composition does not contain a disaccharide. Preferred Method: In method (2), the mixing is monitored to detect, prevent or correct the formation of aggregated or relaxed complexes, where the salt is NaCl. The nucleic acid and the polycation are each, at the time of mixing, in a solution having a salt concentration of 0.05-1.5 M. The molar ratio of the phosphate groups of the nucleic acid to the positively charged groups of the polycation is in the range of 4:1 to 1:4. The polycation is added to the nucleic acid while vortexing at high speed or the nucleic acid is added to the polycation while vortexing at high speed. The mixing is monitored by a method consisting of electron microscopy, light scattering, circular dichroism and absorbance measurement. Preparing the composition also involves mixing a nucleic acid molecule with a polycation molecule at a salt concentration sufficient for compaction of the complex to a diameter which is less than double the theoretical minimum diameter of a complex of the single nucleic acid molecule and a sufficient number of polycation molecules to provide a charge ratio of 1:1, in the form of a condensed sphere, or 30 nm, whichever is larger, where unaggregated nucleic acid complexes are formed, where each complex consists of a single nucleic acid molecule and one or more polycation molecules. The method may also involve mixing a nucleic acid molecule with a polycation molecule in a solvent to form a complex, the mixing being performed in the absence of added salt. The nucleic acid forms soluble complexes with the polycation molecule without forming aggregates. Each complex consists essentially of a single nucleic acid molecule and one or more polycation molecules. The polycation has acetate as a counterion or where the polycation has a counterion consisting of bicarbonate and chloride. The nucleic acid complexes are preferably associated with a lipid.

ACTIVITY - Cytostatic; pulmonary. No biological data is given.

MECHANISM OF ACTION - Gene therapy.

USE - The composition is useful in gene therapy, particularly for delivery of genes to animals and humans. The composition is particularly useful for treating pulmonary diseases, such as cystic fibrosis.

ADMINISTRATION - Administration may be by inhalation or intramuscular injection (claimed). Administration may also be intratracheal, intradermal, topical, subcutaneous, intrathecal, intravenous, intraperitoneal, intratumor or direct to an organ. No dosage is suggested.

EXAMPLE - Polylysines having an N-terminal cysteine and exactly 30 or 45 lysine residues (CK30 or CK45, respectively) were obtained as trifluoroacetate (TFA) salts by solid-phase synthesis. The cysteine residue was then used to conjugate polyethylene glycol (MW 10000) to form PEG-ylated polylysines CK30P10K and CK45P10K. The TFA counterion was

exchanged with **acetate**, **bicarbonate**, or
chloride by gel filtration. **DNA** was **condensed**
by these polylysines, dialyzed against 0.9 % NaCl, and concentrated to 1
or 4 mg/ml using centrifugal concentrators before analysis. Colloidal
stability for the **DNA** complexes was determined by measuring
sedimentation of **condensed DNA** during centrifugation
and scattering of light (turbidity) in the wavelength range of 330-415
nm. It was found that all the tested **DNA** formulations were
colloidally stable in normal saline (0.9 % NaCl) as judged by
sedimentation and turbidity measurements. (71 pages)

L13 ANSWER 26 OF 32 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 2000:493334 CAPLUS

DN 133:125276

TI Sustained delivery of polyionic bioactive agents

IN Levy, Robert J.

PA The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 74 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

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| | US 6395029 | B1 | 20020528 | US 1999-234011 | 19990119 |
| PRAI | US 1999-234011 | A | 19990119 | | |
| AB | The invention relates to compns. and methods for delivering a polyionic bioactive compn. such as a nucleic acid to a tissue of an animal. The compns. of the invention include compns. which comprise a matrix comprising the polyionic bioactive agent and wherein at least most of the polyionic bioactive agent at the exterior portion of the matrix is present in a condensed form. The invention also includes methods of making such compns., including particles, devices, bulk materials, and other objects which comprise, consist of, or are coated with such compns. Methods of delivering a polyionic bioactive agent to an animal tissue are also described. The invention further includes a method of storing a nucleic acid . | | | | |

L13 ANSWER 28 OF 32 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
AN 2000:68361 CAPLUS
DN 132:127724
TI Chelating systems for use in the delivery of compounds to cells
IN Wolff, Jon A.
PA Mirus Corporation, USA
SO PCT Int. Appl., 39 pp.
CODEN: PIXXD2
DT Patent
LA English

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| | RW: AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE | | | | |
| | EP 1098667 | A1 | 20010516 | EP 1999-935616 | 19990716 |
| | R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE, MC, PT, IE, SI, LT, LV, FI, RO | | | | |
| PRAI | US 1998-93230P | P | 19980717 | | |
| | WO 1999-US16095 | W | 19990716 | | |
| AB | Chelator contg. compds. are utilized in the delivery of mols., polymers, nucleic acids and genes to animal cells. At least one chelator such as crown ether is attached to a polymer and then assocd. with another polymer such as DNA . An ion is then added to the mixt. thereby forming condensed DNA . In condensed form and in complex with the chelator, DNA can be delivered to a cell. Polyacrylamidobenzo-18-crown-6 was prep'd. and cation binding as well as interaction with polylysine and DNA of this crown ether was studied. | | | | |

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L13 ANSWER 30 OF 32 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 1998:799703 CAPLUS

DN 130:33977

TI **Compacted nucleic acids and their delivery to cells**

IN Hanson, Richard W.; Perales, Jose C.; Ferkol, Thomas W., Jr.

PA Case Western Reserve University, USA

SO U.S., 71 pp., Cont.-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 716,415.

CODEN: USXXAM

DT Patent

LA English

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| PI | US 5844107 | A | 19981201 | US 1996-721094 | 19960927 |
| | US-6077835 | A | 20000620 | US 1998-114475 | 19980713 |
| PRAI | US 1994-216534 | B2 | 19940323 | | |
| | US 1996-716415 | A2 | 19960920 | | |
| | US 1996-721094 | A3 | 19960927 | | |

AB Nucleic acids are **compacted**, substantially without aggregation, to facilitate their uptake by target cells of an organism to which the **compacted** material is administered. The nucleic acids may achieve a clin. effect as a result of gene expression, hybridization to endogenous nucleic acids whose expression is undesired, or site-specific integration so that a target gene is replaced, modified or deleted. The targeting may be enhanced by means of a target cell-binding moiety. The nucleic acid is preferably **compacted** to a **condensed** state.

RE.CNT 28 THERE ARE 28 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS RECORD

L13 ANSWER 31 OF 32 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
AN 1998:485169 CAPLUS
DN 129:118754
TI Method for making a compound for delivery to cells by forming a polymer in the presence of a template drug, especially **nucleic** acid
IN Wolff, Jon A.; Hagstrom, James E.; Budker, Vladimir G.; Trubetskoy, Vladimer S.; Slattum, Paul M.; Hanson, Lisa J.
PA Mirus Corp., USA
SO PCT Int. Appl., 79 pp.
CODEN: PIXXD2
DT Patent
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| | US 6126964 | A | 20001003 | US 1997-778657 | 19970103 |
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| | US 2002061287 | A1 | 20020523 | US 2001-4763 | 20011205 |
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| PRAI | US 1997-778657 | A | 19970103 | | |
| | US 1996-9593P | P | 19960104 | | |
| | WO 1997-US24089 | W | 19971230 | | |
| | US 1999-464871 | A3 | 19991216 | | |

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AB A method of making a compd. for delivery to a cell comprising forming a polymer in the presence of a biol. active drug is disclosed.. A method of forming polymers in the presence of **nucleic** acid using template polymn. and of having the polymn. occur in heterophase systems is further disclosed. These methods can be used for the delivery of **nucleic** acids, for **condensing** the **nucleic** acid, for forming **nucleic** acid-binding polymers, for forming supramol. complexes contg. **nucleic** acid and polymer, and for forming an interpolyelectrolyte complex. The nuclear localizing peptide of SV40 T antigen was copolymd. with dithiobis[succinimidylpropionate] in the presence of **plasmid DNA** and this process enabled the formation of complexes that expressed luciferase after transfection into 3T3 cells in culture.

L13 ANSWER 32 OF 32 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
AN 1998:323163 CAPLUS
DN 128:326554
TI Carrier vehicles for delivery of **nucleic** acid material to target cells in biological systems
IN Schacht, Etienne Honore; Seymour, Leonard Charles William; Ulbrich, Karel
PA Schacht, Etienne Honore, Belg.; Seymour, Leonard Charles William; Ulbrich, Karel
SO PCT Int. Appl., 72 pp.
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| | AT 218891 | E | 20020615 | AT 1997-911324 | 19971106 |
| | US 6312727 | B1 | 20011106 | US 1999-306568 | 19990506 |
| PRAI | GB 1996-23051 | A | 19961106 | | |
| | WO 1997-GB2965 | W | 19971106 | | |
| AB | Synthetic polymer-based carrier vehicles for delivery of nucleic acid material to target cells in biol. systems are made by self-assembly of the nucleic acid with a cationic polymer material so as to condense the nucleic acid and form a polyelectrolyte complex. This complex is then treated with a reactive hydrophilic polymer material which grafts to the complex forming a hydrophilic coating that stabilizes the complex and provides an outer protective steric shield. These carrier vehicles can be useful in gene therapy. Thus, an aq. soln. of poly(L-lysine) was added to a DNA soln. at a final cation to anion ratio 2 and allowed to stand for .gtoreq.30 min at room temp. to permit complete self-assembly of the complexes. Then, methacryloyl-terminated glycine-phenylalanine-leucine-glycine p-nitrophenyl ester copolymer with N-2-hydroxypropylmethacrylamide was grafted onto the poly(L-lysine)- DNA complex to provide an outer protective steric shield and to stabilize the complex. The max. concn. of DNA depended on the hydrophilicity of the structure of the cationic polymer. Typical particles were discrete and had diam. 30-50 nm. The coated complexes were relatively stable and easy to handle. | | | | |